

Please consider this before you allow our democracy to be jeopardized. Make a moral decision as a governing body: don't let Sinclair Broadcasting use his power in an unjust way. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please exercise the power the FCC has and intervene in this decision. There must be a way to regulate obvious attempts at disrupting a democratic process for Sinclair's benefits. Thank you.